

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5                   A process for the preparation of tricyclic amino  
alcohol derivatives including 2-[N-[2-(9H-carbazol-2-  
yloxy)ethyl]]amino-1-[(3-methylsulfonylamino)phenyl]ethanol  
useful in the treatment of diabetes, obesity, hyperlipidemia  
and so on; and intermediates as represented by formula (5) or  
10 (6) or the like useful in the preparation, wherein R11 is  
hydrogen or the like; and \*1 represents an asymmetric carbon  
atom. 2-Halo-1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethanone derivatives and 1-(3-  
nitrophenyl)oxirane derivatives, which are intermediates for  
the preparation of tricyclic amino alcohol derivatives, are  
15 easy of purification, and particularly optically active 1-(3-  
nitrophenyl)oxirane derivatives are effective in enhancing  
the optical purities of the final products.

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